

**Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN**

August 23, 2007

- a. Call to Order** – Mayor Walter Winchester
- b. Opening Prayer** – Councilperson Ramey
- c. Roll Call** – All members of the Council were present for the meeting.

Mayor Winchester
Councilperson Hale
Councilperson Davis
Councilperson Ramey
Councilperson Allen
Councilperson Holland
Councilperson Adkins

- d. Mayor’s Welcome**

Mayor Winchester welcomed citizens of the community and department heads to the meeting

- e. Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Councilperson Holland, seconded by Councilperson Adkins, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

- f. Financial Matters**

1. Bills:	<u>Vendor(s)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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None

- g. Old Business**

None

- h. New Business**

- 1. 2nd Reading on Ordinance # 420 (To Amend Beer Ordinance)**

Discussion:

Citizen Pastor Fred Morris read a letter in opposition to the proposed change to the city beer ordinance. For the record, a copy of the letter is attached. Councilperson Holland commented that she did not think that a limitation in the places where beer is sold would reduce the problem of people purchasing beer.

Councilperson Holland said she agreed totally that alcohol is the number one drug abuse, but marijuana is an illegal drug and it also ranks right up there. I taught drug abuse for twenty seven years and I think education and role models are ways to help understand drug abuse. I am not convinced that selling beer only at convenience stores cuts down on sales. I don't see the connection when we are already working within the confinement of the law. Attorney Kent Jones was called upon to comment but stated he was not prepared to do that. He did say that everything that has been done in the proposed ordinance is fine and legal. Councilperson Holland stated once again, I don't see the difference of buying beer at a convenience store, grocery store or pharmacy store. We spent a lot of hours on this at two work shops and I would be the first to admit that you should throw the book at someone if they are selling beer to under aged kids and I don't care if they are locked up for twenty years. Considering everything we have talked about I am just not sure I see the connection.

Councilperson Akins stated that she does not drink it, buy it or participate in it, but it is a legal business provided the permit holder follows all the rules and regulations.

Action Taken:

Motion was made by Councilperson Adkins, seconded by Councilperson Hale, to pass on 2nd reading of Ordinance 420.

Motion is by role call vote:

Councilperson Hale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Allen	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Davis	<u>N</u>	Councilperson Holland	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Ramey	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Adkins	<u>Y</u>

Votes were as follows: Ayes - 5, Nays - 1, Abstain - 0, Absent - 0.
The motion passed by a vote of 5-1.

2. 2nd Reading on Ordinance # 421 (Charter Franchise Agreement)

Discussion:

Council members had been provided a response from Mr. John Howell who conducted the audit for the city on the Charter Franchise. A telephone number and

name was provided for people to call who were not receiving satisfactory service and responses.

Action Taken:

Motion was made by Councilperson Hale, seconded by Councilperson Davis, to pass on 2nd reading of Ordinance 421.

Motion is by role call vote:

Councilperson Hale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Allen	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Davis	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Holland	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Ramey	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Adkins	<u>Y</u>

Votes were as follows: Ayes - 6, Nays – 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 0.

The motion passed.

3. Discussion/Approval of Resolution 07-017 (A resolution amending the policies and procedures for the administration of a homeowner housing rehabilitation program)

Discussion:

Mayor Winchester advised the council that paragraph 5 had been added to a section of the policies and procedures for the administration of the grant. A copy had been provided to the council for their information and consideration.

The added statement stated that a person who had participated in a HOME or CDBG previously was not eligible to participate in this HOME grant program.

Action Taken:

Motion was made by Councilperson Davis, seconded by Councilperson Ramey, to approve Resolution 07-017 amending the policies and procedures for the administration of the homeowners housing rehabilitation program.

Motion is by role call vote:

Councilperson Hale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Allen	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Davis	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Holland	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Ramey	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Adkins	<u>Y</u>

Votes were as follows: Ayes - 6, Nays – 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 0.

The motion passed.

i. Citizens Input

None

j. Council Discussion/Reports

Councilperson Adkins provided the monthly fire report. There had been 112 calls to date for the fire department.

Councilperson Holland advised that registration for fall soccer program was underway and play would begin shortly.

Mayor Winchester advised that the sewer renovation project phase 1 had been completed and the construction company had left the area after satisfactorily paving all cuts in the streets. He further advised that Bethel College would begin their football season on Saturday night with a home game at Wildcat Stadium.

Councilperson Davis advised that McKenzie High School would be playing in a jamboree on Friday night at Huntingdon and would begin their regular season at home on August 31 2007.

Mayor Winchester advised Council on the departure of Officer Chad Davis of the police department, mechanic Mike Churchwell of the street department and updated the council on the injury to Public Works Director Tim Waldrup who had sustained a hand injury while on duty and was under doctor's care.

k. Any Other Business

None

l. Adjournment

With no further business, motion was made by Councilperson Ramey, seconded by Councilperson Allen to adjourn. The motion passed.

APPROVED: _____
Walter Winchester, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Charlie Beal, CMC
City Recorder